II.   AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims of the application.

1.   (Currently amended) A method of determining conflicting ~~assignments of~~ tasks of a business process including use of a computer ~~processor~~ system to analyze electronic signals and data representative of the business process, the method comprising the steps of:

transforming the business process into computer processor readable electronic signals and data;

inputting the computer processor readable electronic signals and data into a data storage mechanism;

dividing the business process into component tasks on the computer system;

identifying for ~~each of the~~ a component ~~tasks~~ task any other component task that conflicts with the component task, on the computer system;

~~establishing~~ associating at least one ~~assigned~~ component task ~~performed by each~~ with a person involved in the business process; and

determining whether each ~~assigned~~ associated component task is a conflicting task by comparing each ~~assigned~~ associated component task with component tasks that are identified to conflict with other component tasks in the identifying step.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the steps are performed by a computer software program.

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3.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of addressing

any conflicting task by at least one of:

    re-assigning tasks;

    locking out network activities; and

    requiring administrative signatures.

4.   (Currently amended) A system for determining conflicting <u>assignments of</u> tasks of a

business process, the system comprising:

    means for dividing the business process into component tasks;

    means for identifying for ~~each of the~~ <u>a</u> component ~~tasks~~ <u>task</u> any other component task

that conflicts with the component task;

    means for ~~establishing~~ <u>associating</u> at least one ~~assigned~~ component task ~~performed by~~

~~each~~ <u>with a</u> person involved in the business process; and

    means for determining whether each ~~assigned~~ <u>associated</u> component task is a conflicting

task by comparing each ~~assigned~~ <u>associated</u> component task with component tasks that are

identified to conflict with other component tasks <u>by the identifying means</u>.

5.   (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the means for identifying includes a matrix

identifying conflicting tasks.

6.   (Original) The system of claim 5, wherein the means for determining compares the at

least one assigned task to the conflicting tasks on the matrix.

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7.   (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising a computer useable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein for determining conflicting assignments of tasks of a business process, the program product comprising:

program code configured to divide the business process into component tasks;

program code configured to identify for ~~each of the~~ a component ~~tasks~~ task any other component task that conflicts with the component task;

program code configured to ~~establish~~ associate at least one ~~assigned~~ component task ~~performed by each~~ with a person involved in the business process; and

program code configured to determine whether each ~~assigned~~ associated component task is a conflicting task by comparing each ~~assigned~~ associated component task with component tasks that are identified to conflict with other component tasks by the execution of the program code configured to identify.

8.   (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the program code configured to identify includes a matrix identifying conflicting tasks.

9.   (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein the program code configured to determine compares the at least one assigned task to the conflicting tasks on the matrix.

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